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Serial No.: 08/771,467

Examiner: Neil Levy

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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR PROTECTION OF WOODEN OBJECTS PROXIMATE
SOIL FROM PEST INVASION

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record.

Applicants respectfully request that note is made of the previously filed related applications to the present invention.

| (Application Serial No.) | (Filing Date) | (Status) |
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| 08/350,432 | December 5, 1994 | abandoned |
| 08/050,761 | April 20, 1993 | abandoned |
| 07/402,122 | September 1, 1989 | abandoned |

In the Information Disclosure Statement submitted by Applicants on January 15, 2001, certain references were cited but were not submitted to the Examiner as copies of these

references were unavailable to Applicants at the time. Those references which are now available are listed on the attached PTO-1449 as references C3-C16 and are enclosed herewith for the Examiner's consideration.

With regard to the books which are listed as references C6, C7, C10, C12 and C13 on the attached PTO-1449, Applicants are enclosing copies of selected pages from these books. Should the Examiner wish to receive copies of any additional portions of these books, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney.

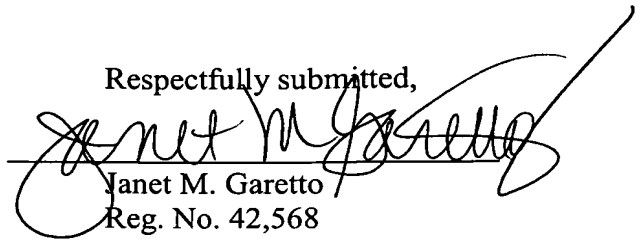
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97(g), (h), this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted prior to the receipt of a first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits and, hence, is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). Accordingly, no fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. However, should any fees be deemed necessary (except payment of the issue fee), the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or to credit any overpayment to Jenkins & Gilchrist Deposit Account No. 10-0447/47309-00025USC1.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Date: March 8, 2001

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janet M. Garetto", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping flourish extending from the end.

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